GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Liver Transplant
Rai Shri Nityanand

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of hospitals having liver transplant facility and the number out of them providing free transplant facility to poor patients;

(b) whether the Government has put in place any mechanism/scheme to provide free medicines to poor patients during and after liver transplant;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): Health is a State subject. The exact details of hospitals having liver transplant facility and the number out of them providing free transplant facility to poor patients is not maintained centrally.
(b) to (d): Public Health being a State Subject, the primary responsibility of ensuring availability of medicines lies with the State/UT Governments. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to the States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare delivery system including support for provision of free generic/drugs to those who access public health facilities based on the requirement posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans. The Government has developed and issued operational guidelines for Free Drug Service Initiative to provide guidance to the States. These guidelines are available at http://nrhm.gov.in/images/pdf/in-focus/Shimla/Guidelines/Free_Drugs_Service_Intitiative.pdf . Further, under the National Organ Transplant Programme, a provision has been made for financial assistance of Rs.6, 000 per month per patient for 100 needy and poor patients of Government hospitals every year for immunosuppressant therapy. Transplant facilities are usually provided at a subsidized cost in Government Hospitals. Further, financial assistance is also provided to below poverty line patients under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi for Liver transplantation.